

CAC Meeting 8.12.21 Questions Pertaining to Sheriff's Presentation

Can you explain the scope of the sheriff's office? From my research it is: Court Security, serving civil process and transporting detainees - So I don't understand why these some of these requests are needed.

The scope of our jobs includes: Security of the buildings and surrounding grounds, hospital details, transportation all over the state and sometimes out of state, juvenile courts, bailiffs of courtrooms, mental health pickups, evictions and Ex Parte put outs. We are also at the bequest of the Metropolitan Police Department to patrol the downtown area on the weekends and to also assist with mass arrest. We hold five Land Tax sales a year. On average we serve over 20,000.00 Personal Property tax papers a year, not to mention the numerous other summons and garnishments that are served. We work on Metro Link to keep the public safe, and we helped with the homeless hotels that the City set up.

How does the recent consent order against SLMPD's use of chemical agents impact the use of them by officers? If it does, is there still a need for gas masks?

When we are called to enter the facility, we do not know what has been used prior to us entering, most of the time it is mace.

There were numerous protests over the last year that didn't require riot gear
Can you explain why that's necessary?

When we enter the SLJ to help with the riots, we do not know what to expect. We have pulled home-made weapons off of the defendants. i.e. shanks made from metal frames and wires that were part of vending machines, light fixtures and even 2x4's

There is also a lawsuit against the city from a detainee who was maced at the CJC, allegedly beyond the legal threshold.

Not aware of this

These equipment requests don't meet definition of "capital" that we were given..

I believe there are two list. The capital list is 1. Radios, 2. Vest 3. Tasers

How have local and national calls for criminal justice reform impacted your capital budget? Tasers and riot gear do not seem consistent with local and national advocacy and best practices. And body cameras were not listed in the capital budget.

TASERS are a less than lethal force, as is Mace. As in any situation, we do not want anyone to be hurt. Our job is to try and deescalate the problem and separate the individuals.

Body cameras are not part of the Capital request.